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To the staff of Pinehaven:

July 31, 2006

We just wanted to drop you a quick letter regarding our recent visit to the ranch. We cannot say thank you enough times for the incredible way we were treated during our week there. Every person we met was a pleasure to be around and work with and the people at the ranch went out of their way to create an once-in-a-lifetime experience for all of the participants on our trip.

We came expecting a week of hard work and fun with friends, but we left having experienced so much more. All of our hearts were touched by the incredible work you all are doing for the Lord. It is a rare pleasure to be a part of something that is directly and immediately affecting lives in such a powerful, positive, and (most of all) Christian manner. You have established and nurtured a purposeful and much-needed ministry that rescues children and gives them hope in lives that previously contained little hope. It was an absolute treat to be able to accompany you all as a piece of this ministry for one short week.

In addition to the joy we experienced in serving alongside you in a small way, we also got the unexpected treat of an amazing guided vacation. We were treated to clean and comfortable accommodations, fantastic food, gorgeous scenery, a beautiful hike, horseback riding, and a chaperoned tour of Glacier National Park. We are surely forgetting more fun memories and places we got to visit thanks to your generosity, but we will never forget the fun and beauty we experienced while visiting the ranch. All of this was way outside our expectations before our arrival.

We will never be able to say thank you enough or to everyone who was involved in making our week such a memorable and life-changing one, but we will never forget the time we spent at Pinehaven. Everyone who works at the ranch went way beyond the call of duty to make our stay a special and we can only hope that our small contribution of labor was more help than burden to the mission of the ranch. We are thrilled to continually support you both prayerfully and financially and look forward to our next opportunity to visit and work with you. May God bless you richly in all you do for your great service to the Lord.

In Christ's love,

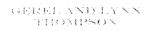
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July 19, 2006

Dear Bob, Andy and all of the staff at Pinehaven,

The group from the Greencastle Christian Church wants to express our sincere thank you and gratitude for the wonderful week we recently spent at Pinehaven. Rick always tells us during the orientation session that it is such a blessing for visitors like us just to be there in support of the staff and students. I must admit, if we had a "blessings meter", I'm sure we would find that we visitors receive as many blessings as you all do in the week we are there.

We all enjoyed many wonderful and fulfilling experiences while there. Whether it was working on the new apartment house, bucking hay bales, splitting wood (with the grand daddy of all splitters), building fence, helping in the kitchen, weeding flowerbeds or simply enjoying the opportunity to witness to staff and students, I don't know how it could have been better. All of this in a setting where God's awesome creation is very evident in any direction one wishes to look.

We read in I Corinthians 12 that the "various parts of the body need each other to properly function as they are not intended to function solo. When something happens to one part of the body, word quickly travels to the other parts which will respond in empathy toward that part. God so distributed spiritual gifts that each member has a special place or function to best contribute." We saw and felt this Biblical message happening in real life at Pinehaven every day that we were there. It is certain that the Lord has been guiding your efforts as you have assembled an awesome staff at Pinehaven. They are all so very dedicated in trying to help students find a better road to travel and as one staff member summed it up, "we are all about baptisms and diplomas....all of the work we do here on the ranch is nothing more than additional tools to help us achieve this greater end." Hallelujah!! We were all very impressed and inspired by the staff at Pinehaven who are using their individual gifts and talents while working together to create life changing experiences for the students.

We again want to thank everyone there who made our experience a very positive and memorable one. We are already looking forward to our next group trip to Pinehaven. In that regard, please put us on your schedule for the week of June 28 – July 5, 2008.

May God continue to be with you and bless everyone's work at Pinehaven.

Sincerely,

Cc: Greencastle Christian Church Missions Ministry Team

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